



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Appointment Openings

No Openings At This Time

Job Openings

Construction Inspector
Public Works O&M Seasonal
Laborer
Senior Engineer – Development
Review
Seasonal Parks

Events this Week

05/14 Annual Spring Clean-Up,
Monroe High School,
8AM-2PM

Miracle League Games,
Rotary Field,
8AM-2PM

Monroe Lip-Sync
Contest, Wagner
Performing Arts Center,
6PM

05/17 City Council P4 Meeting,
Permit Center, 6PM

City Council Meeting,
City Hall, Council
Chambers, 7PM

05/17 MHS Girls District
Softball Tournament,
05/20 Sky River Park, 3-6PM

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

Be In The Know!

Skatepark Construction Underway

The much anticipated construction phase of Lake Tye Park skate park improvements broke ground on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Construction is moving along and the contractor is on track for a completion sometime in July 2016. Stay tuned for updates!



City of Monroe Year-to-Date Comparisons

The following are year-to-date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 4/30/15: \$1,273,332

'16 to 4/30/16: \$1,418,456

UP \$145,124 or 11.40%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 4/30/15: \$188,998

'16 to 4/30/16: \$297,317

UP \$108,315 or 57.31%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 4/30/15: \$14,384

'16 to 4/30/16: \$18,403

UP \$4,019 or 27.94%

Business License Fees

'15 to 4/30/15: \$16,948

'16 to 4/30/16: \$17,913

UP \$964 or 5.69%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 4/30/15: \$105,764

'16 to 4/30/16: \$132,110

UP \$26,346 or 24.91%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 4/30/15: \$34,000

'16 to 4/30/16: \$12,766

DOWN \$21,235 or -62.45%

New House Permits

'15 to 4/30/15: 25

'16 to 4/30/16: 33

UP 8 units or 32%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 4/30/15: 13

'16 to 4/30/16: 4

DOWN 9 units or -69.2%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 4/30/15: 570

'16 to 4/30/16: 584

UP 14 or 2.5%

Grant Submittals

The City of Monroe has submitted two grant applications for the 2016 Pedestrian and Bicycle Program. One application is for funding the design of a shared-used path along the north side of Highway 2, between 179th Ave SE and Cascade View Drive (along the Fairgrounds). The other application is for funding the design and property acquisition for a shared-use path along the west side of Chain Lake Road, between Country Crescent and Brown Road. The City will hear back about these applications next year, June 2017. Another grant application is for the Safe Routes to School program. This grant would allow for the design, right-of-way, and construction for a sidewalk along the south side of 154th Street; the west side of 182nd Street; and the south side of West. Columbia Street. Thank you to our City Staff for working hard on the grant application process. We are excited for the potential and will keep you posted!

Seeking Applicants For City of Monroe Planning Commission

The City of Monroe is currently seeking applicants to fill the following vacancy on the Monroe Planning Commission -- one opening to fill a vacant position with the term ending December 31, 2019. Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. For more information and an application, [click here](#).

New Water Meter Installation Continues

Ferguson Waterworks continue to install new water meters in the Downtown Monroe area. All installers will have ID badges, wear uniforms with Ferguson Waterworks logo, travel in marked vehicles, and have completed background checks. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 360-794-6100.

Safety Reminder

As the weather is warming up people tend to visit our local lakes and rivers. It is very important to remember the dangers in the water this time of year. The water is very cold from the snow melt and can have an impact on a person's breathing while swimming. There are also dangers underneath the water with logs and rocks being covered by the higher river levels. Remember to always wear a life jacket, swim in designated areas, and never swim alone. For more water safety tips visit <http://www.safekids.org/poolsafety>.